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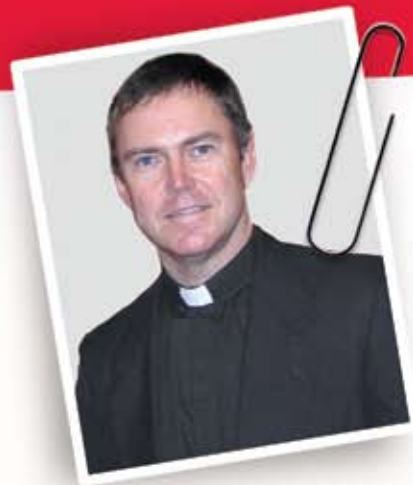
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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Fairfield Prep,

**"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." (Chinese proverb)**

I have just recently returned from an amazing trip to China where I traveled with Fairfield Prep's concert band and choir. Our music students were invited to participate in a series of pre-Olympic concerts in Beijing: the Forbidden City, the Great Wall in addition to a Chinese high school. We also visited Shanghai and Xi'an during our twelve day sojourn that has provided us with many lasting memories of this fascinating and emerging country of vast contrasts.

Upon learning the aforementioned Chinese proverb in China, I began to reflect how appropriate this adage aptly signifies a Prep education today. Our Jesuit commitment to Christian service by being a Man for Others, especially helping the underprivileged, continued during April break when groups of Prep students traveled some "thousand miles" to both Ecuador and the Tucson/Mexico border at the Borderlinks facility. These immersion programs left an indelible impact on our students. I know you will enjoy reading two personal reflections of these experiences in this issue.

Although the 2008 Commencement on June 8th was rather steamy in Alumni Hall, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our graduates and their families, so proud to be part of the graduation tradition at Prep. We also recognized 42 graduates from the Class of 1958, who came to receive their Golden 50th Year diplomas and reminisce about Prep in another era. Our alumni base is strong and supportive, and we hosted over 300 alumni at our June 14th Alumni Reunion dinner. It is a wonderful testimony to the lasting impact of Prep on their lives. We have also embarked on developing alumni chapters in key geographic locations across the country. Our new web site will be launched this fall and included will be a new online Prep alumni community that will reach a "thousand miles" with a "single click."

Our students are quite eloquent in communicating the Prep vision, and I can't express the Prep feeling better than they. When the Hockey team won the state championship, Co-captain Rob Summerlin '08 (who will attend Loyola College - Baltimore) proclaimed, "That's what Prep Hockey does. It turns boys into men, and men into champions!" Zach Olsen '08 (who will attend Georgetown University), ended his commencement address, "The past four years may be over, but we are Fairfield Prep for life."

As we bid a fond adieu to the wonderful class of 2008, we soon welcome Prep's Class of 2012. They will "begin with a single step" into Prep that will also lead them by God to "a journey of a thousand miles."

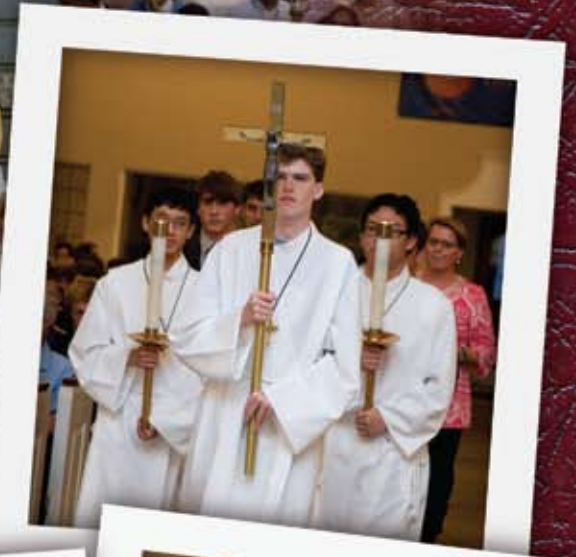
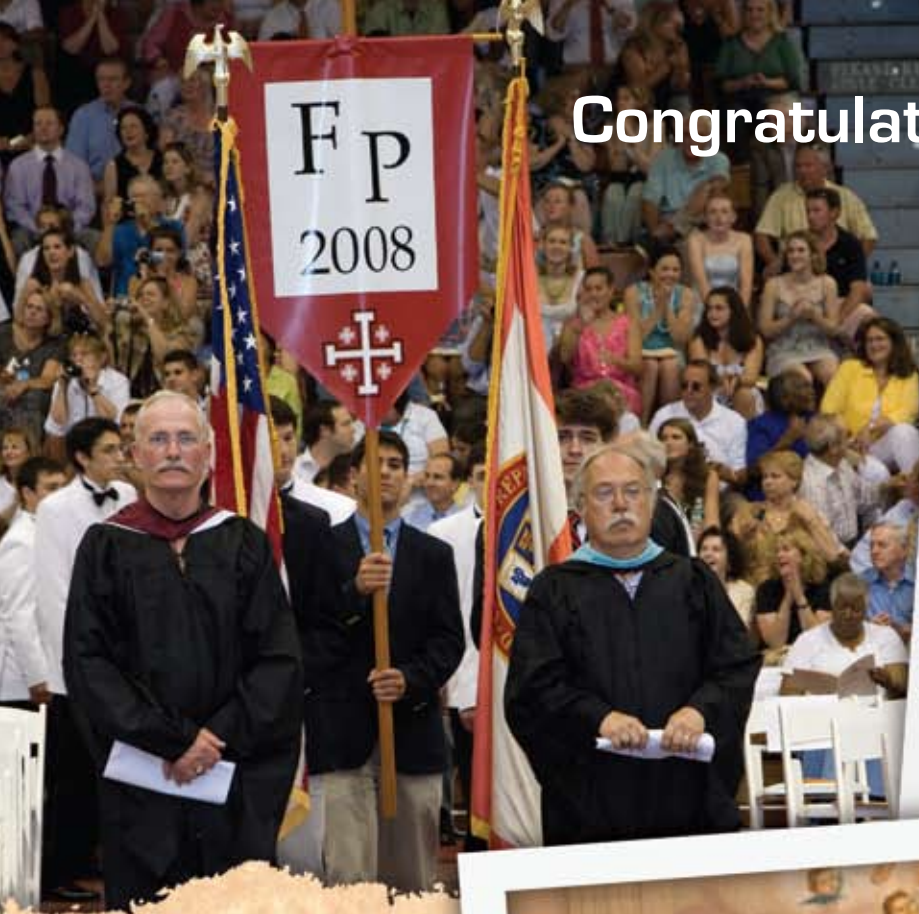
Thank you for your dedicated interest and constant support of our Jesuit, Catholic mission. May God bless you and your family this summer and always.

*Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J.*

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# Congratulations Class of 2008



## The Graduate at Graduation

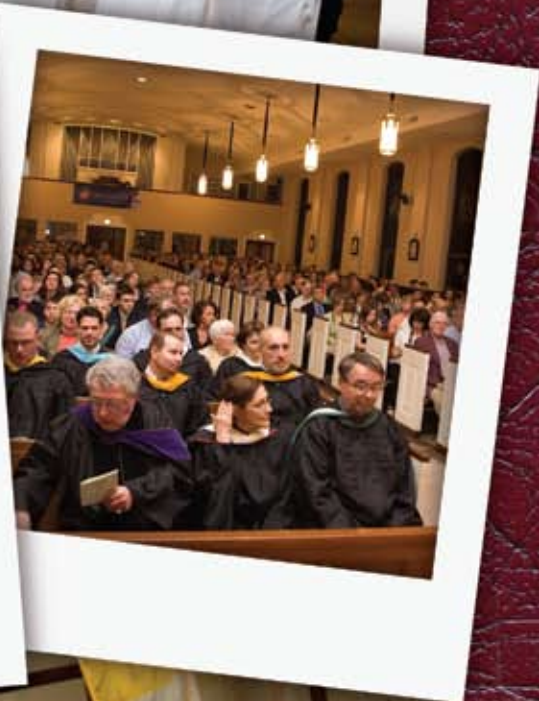
By James M. Chesbro

**A**s family and friends filed into a steamy Alumni Hall, high hopes filled the rafters for the futures of Fairfield Prep's most recent graduates. Jesuit education seeks to develop young men and women who have begun to assume responsibility for becoming: open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to justice. This primary initiative is known as the Graduate at Graduation. While many students have contributed to our school of excellence, we've chosen to identify three standout Grads at Grad.

### Colin Nevins

Moments before Colin Nevins prepared to pitch his Eagle Scout project to the Bridgeport Parks and Recreation Department his nerves were calmed by recalling all the times he served as a lector at school Masses. Not only was his idea of installing interpretive nature signs along Saint Mary's By the Sea approved, but his delivery provoked the department to fully fund his vision of depicting the ecosystem and

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## The Graduate at Graduation

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Colin Nevins

history of Black Rock Harbor. As the only freshman in his class to sign up to be a lector, Nevins set into motion an active four years. "I wanted to challenge myself," he recalls, "I didn't want to just go home everyday at two-thirty." His initial experience of being cut from the ski team did not prevent him from returning to earn a varsity letter the following three years, and eventually become team

captain. After two years of playing lacrosse, his love of the water attracted him to join what would become a historic crew club. In only three years of existence, the crew team has qualified for the US Rowing Youth National Championships the last two seasons. In the midst of scouting, skiing, and rowing, Nevins made time to establish a commitment to doing justice.

While participating in the Chaplain's Council all four years, Colin developed an affinity for service. Rewarding interactions with inner-city children on a junior year Urban Plunge inspired him to return to lead the trip as a senior. "He's the kind of guy that goes out of his way to help others," says Campus Ministry Director Elliot Gualtiere, "He is mature and responsible and I could always count on him." Colin's fellow midshipmen will begin depending on him shortly after graduation during Plebe Summer; an abrupt introduction to the United States Naval Academy.

### Reed Perry

Reed Perry has always relied on his own ability to remain structured and focused. So when his entire family relocated to Arnhem, Netherlands after his junior year, he didn't miss a beat. "It's hard not having my parents around, but it's more emotionally taxing for them starting a new life," says Perry, who looks at senior year as a prelude to his time at Wake Forest University, "I didn't need them to organize me or anything, and it's really been like a first year at college." For Perry, part of finding his rhythm depended on being open to new experiences. Prior to his sophomore year he had never rowed before. This didn't keep him from signing up. "Rowing was the first step I took in really becoming a Prep student. It's helped to keep me motivated, and introduced me to a lot of great people."

In the process of feeding his passions, Perry made a lasting impression at Prep. In the creative writing club he further



Reed Perry

developed his gifts as a poet. Last spring his poem "Cold Plains of Sand," was published in MAGISine, the Jesuit Secondary Education Association's annual magazine. As one of three managing editors of *The Bellarmine Review*, Perry's expertise and dedication aided in improving the overall quality of the student literary magazine. "We've seen more interest from students and as a result are able to be more selective in an effort to produce the best publication," says Perry. His enhanced ability to express himself made him a natural Kairos retreat leader. He jumped at the chance to rejoin what he describes as, "A community of guys from different circles of friends who became close quickly." It was on this retreat that Mr. Gualtiere took note of Reed's guitar playing ability, and shortly afterward he was playing Jeff Buckley's "Hallelujah" along side saxophonist John Pierson at school Masses. "Reed and John exemplify in so many ways the goal of all Jesuit education by truly being men for others. Their music certainly reflects this ideal and enhances our liturgies as a result," says Prep President Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J.

### John Pierson

Once John Pierson began stepping into various leadership roles as an upperclassman, it became as natural as his stride. As cross country team captain, it was a priority to carry on the tradition of making freshmen feel as welcome as he did when he was running in their shoes. John takes great satisfaction in creating opportunities for other

students to have a positive experience. His early interaction with Campus Ministry perpetuated a desire to get involved. After enjoying his own Freshman Retreat he volunteered to be a leader as a junior and senior. Pierson attributes the majority of his growth to the community environment created on the Kairos retreat, "A lot of high school isn't as inclusive as we'd like it to be," says Pierson, who enjoyed fulfilling his role as rector of Kairos 33, "Reflecting on the way you form relationships helps you become more of an open person."

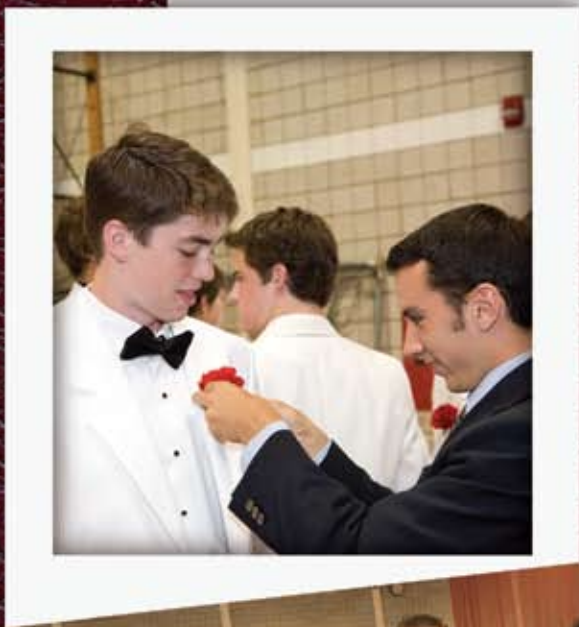
Perhaps no one challenged John's capacity for understanding more than the people of Duran, Ecuador. The mission of the trip was not to go and build houses, but rather to be immersed in a different culture. Instead of being consumed with what they didn't have, John found himself taken back with the realization that, "They were actually happy. Despite their extreme poverty, they are still able to get a lot out of life." John will pack up his enthusiasm for Jesuit education in the fall, and become an active member of the student body at Boston College.



John Pierson

James M. Chesbro, Fairfield Prep English teacher, has written for *Teaching Tolerance*, *Fairfield Now*, *Teachers of Vision*, and *The Next Step Magazine*.







## THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS GIVEN BY

**Rev. Joseph Palmisano, S.J. '93**

... You guys think you've had to wait four long years, I've been in this outfit for ten and they're finally going to ordain me! (See page 24.) But my formation has been longer. It started when I walked through the doors of Fairfield Prep when I was a boy and learned that famous word JUG from Mr. Brennan. "Mr. Palmisano, why are you late? — Snow, Mr. Brennan. — Mr. Palmisano? — Yes, Mr. Brennan. — It's May. — Right, Mr. Brennan..."

But it was also when I ... saw this cryptic Latin phrase written above the door of the school: "per fidem ad plenam veritatem" — through faith to the fullness of truth. The motto of our school. But it is only recently ... that I'm beginning to maybe

*"through faith to the fullness of truth"*

— Prep school motto

have an inkling into the wisdom of our motto.

You see, about two months ago, while completing my first year of doctoral studies in Ireland I collapsed while vacuuming. I was brought to the hospital for tests ... and they discovered a growth in my brain, a low-grade glioma. Thankfully the pathology report came back benign. But I have to follow a treatment plan, live life with greater regulation. ... when I was thinking about you at Prep, what I would say to you, and whether or not I would be healthy enough to say anything to you, I was reminded of our motto — through faith to the fullness of truth.

The truth of the matter is that I have this growth in my head. But my faith tells me to befriend this truth, to look courageously at this truth. This truth is actually not a burden, but when accepted through faith, it is becoming something gentle and light that reminds me of my humanity. My faith tells me to trust. This deepening sense of trust is allowing a deeper truth to open up in me. On the eve of my ordination, this truth is unfolding, making itself known as a widening compassion and empathy for the world and others. This widening sense, this deeper concern, is echoing to me the larger question. What is the secret of existence? Wherefore and for whose sake do we live?

It was during this meditation when I recalled ... September 11, 2001 in New York. I was in studies at Fordham University when the call came for chaplains at Ground Zero. ... This wider sense of empathy was made most apparent to me ... on September 18, 2001. I met a fellow named Rob.

Rob drove his flatbed truck to Ground Zero from western Pennsylvania, volunteering himself and his truck, to the rescue effort. I was standing on a street corner near 1 World Financial/ South Bridge, in my Roman collar and hard hat. Rob jumped out of his truck and all 6'8" of him collapsed into my arms in tears. He said, "Father, they're clapping and cheering for me." I said "Who's clapping and cheering for you?" He replied, "The people, when I drive out of sight they clap for me, hand me bottles of water, I mean, when I heard the news I knew I would be needed,



I just came here to help."

... Rob knew he would be needed. He knew his truck would be needed to remove the mangled steel and rubble ... in the hopes of saving lives, in the hope of finding survivors. ... But Rob didn't immediately identify with being a hero, with doing the work of a rescuer. ... Rob was aware of a deeper truth in his life — in some way, in some small way, we live for others.

... a man or person for others may only be for others if he is listening to himself. Asking daily the question, "Am I aware?" Or, in the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, "Am I discerning, and I am discerning towards a deeper concern for reality, for the greater needs in our world?"

For example ... as reported in the New York Times on May 8, 2008: Connecticut's schools are big under performers. The gap between the educational performance of low-income and middle- and high-income pupils is the widest in the nation. Only one-third of poor and minority children in elementary schools meet the state's goals for mastery of reading, writing and math.

While this reality troubles me as a teacher, I am also aware that with some hard work, with a vision, a hopeless reality can be transformed into something new.

Gentlemen, Class of 2008 — my soon to be brother alumni — now more than ever this state needs your expertise in all fields. This country needs you to be agents for positive change. This world needs your compassion and courageousness in facing the problems of our day. This world needs you to be fully aware.

... My hope for you is that in the energy of your youth, at college and beyond, you will become fully aware professionals and experts. But I also hope you will always remain, in some way, amateurs. ... An amateur from the French, or amator from the Latin, means a lover, one who falls in love and stays in love with something, whether or not he or she makes it to the pro level, makes six figures, gets the title VP or CEO. While all those things are nice, the love of the game, the passion for the work, outstrips everything else. Please, fall in love and stay in love with this wonderful world, and always remember, we're all amateurs at being fully human/humane to one another. Sure we will make mistakes along the way and always be starting again. But I am confident, very confident, my brothers, that while you might have some anxiety about the future — that you will become even more sensitive to the beauty and fragility of our world through your tending to the brokenness in the lives of others through healing and raising them up.



## THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS GIVEN BY

**Zach Olson '08**

### “We’re Fairfield Prep for Life”

... So, guys, here we are, “Ah D” graduation. I’d very much like to start by thanking my fellow students for giving me the opportunity to speak today. I always wanted to be here. Not just standing here at this podium in Alumni Hall on our Graduation Day. I’ve always wanted to be here — Fairfield Prep.

As a child, my father and I would ride bikes. One of my favorite places to go was the Fairfield train station, not far from my house. Those trips to the train station were among my first-recallable encounters with Prep. Seeing the Prep kids at the train station. There was something about them — particularly through the eyes of a 6 year old — that stood out. These “big kids” in their jackets, shirts, and ties, school books and backpacks in hand, I as a small boy was taken back. Those guys had class. Riding by from a distance, seeing them laughing,



joking together, they seemed part of some elite club — a club I wanted to one day be a part of. So — as my family and friends can attest — from then on I would always tell people I wanted to go to high school with the “boys in the blue blazers.” And so it was in eighth grade, I took the entrance exam, sent in the deposit, and waited for that day to come when I would be “one of them.”

Flash to late August, 2004. I think it’s safe to say all of us have vivid memories of that very first day. It was a hot day, and sweat drenched the shirt and tie I had so badly wanted to wear. I remember walking the halls looking at the gigantic, scruffy men that were seniors, and being in my freshman classes and staring blankly at a lot of people I apparently was going to spend the next four years with. Yet perhaps the most striking memory that day was walking into Mr. Rowe’s Algebra 2 class. The bell rang and without cue the prayer started, and the prayer ended. In that first forty-minute period with Mr. Rowe I remember being

paralyzed with fear. In the middle of his introductory spiel, I wish I could say his rendition of “Dream Weaver” was the craziest thing I heard! Sitting there — I’m now sure I’m not the only one who asked myself that day — “What in God’s name have I gotten myself into?” Yet it seems as rapidly as the shock came, the shock wore off.

We were like immigrants, with Fairfield Prep our new homeland. And like immigrants we became familiar with the customs: hearing Mr. Brennan’s Brooklynese accent over the loudspeaker no longer sounded strange; you ate a bacon egg and cheese for breakfast; and Mike’s Pizza for lunch. Many a night was to be spent in the Bomb Squad, and many a free spent in the quad or the Academic Center. We learned the language of the school, and added to its lexicon. When I’m outside of Prep, I often forget that not everyone knows what words like “JUG” or “shotbox” mean, or adds the prefix “Ah D” to a word or sentence.

One thing that definitely took getting used to was the academic rigor, yet I feel this is actually a good quality of Prep. Indeed we are a “college preparatory” school, a place to be made ready for the challenges that now very soon await us. Sometimes, this was done through brute force alone.

My freshman year, I remember Mr. Rowe’s Algebra 2 tests inspiring indescribable trepidation in me, both for their seeming impossibility, and the too-often poor results I would get back. However, I found this taught me early on that learning was not always an easy pursuit. If I actually was going to learn the material I would have to: make myself vulnerable, ask questions, and, most of all, work until I got the problem right. I can easily say now that attitude — reinforced in me by Mr. Rowe — has contributed to my academic success here at Prep and will stay with me as I move on into college and a career.

In the same way, spending the past two years with Mr. Canuel for science has also challenged me. As many of us can attest all too well, Mr. Canuel expects a lot from his students. Even if (like myself) science isn’t your strong point or interest, he will push you to succeed, sometimes by any means necessary. You quickly learn “Cowboy Canuel” is not to be meddled with. But personally, Mr. Canuel has been able to appeal to my interests and get me to actually enjoy science. He made me realize that the sciences aren’t isolated. They have the same poetic beauty of art and literature, a history as rich as that of any nation or people, and are at the forefront of many ethical, political and economic issues. Mr. Canuel has placed for me a greater value on any type of learning, even if it’s something that supposedly isn’t one’s interest.

It is this love of learning alone that makes some of the best teachers here. Ms. Brooks — with her wonderful stories and hilarious pantomimes — teaches Spanish with tried and true methods, all the while sniping us all for chewing “chicle” in class.

Mr. Szablewicz — amid many a laugh and reminiscence about the counterculture years — has reminded us to be, first and foremost, intellectuals in our pursuits even if we are just “a bunch of freaks, man.”

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## The Commencement Address

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*“Prep is ... a second home to me ... with people who will be my brothers for the rest of my life.” — Zach Olsen '08*

And I feel that of what I've learned in terms of expression, in being articulate, yet creative, and freethinking, I can thank Mr. Wallace. It was his classroom that captured what I've come to identify as a decidedly Jesuit, and more specifically Fairfield Prep classroom — one of openness, dialog, and one that allows learning to come easily. At Prep, we aren't at the mercy of state and its proficiency tests, quotas, or frivolous political correctness. No. While we learn in a liberal environment, we receive a truly classical education. God resides within our classrooms — and at times with our antics.

Yet our accomplishments over the past four years don't even begin in the classroom. Our experiences speak many more volumes. We all have participated in at least one retreat during our time here. Many have come back to lead others. We have traveled near and far, and have had our eyes opened by the experiences. Be it an Urban Plunge to Bridgeport, the next town over, or thousands of miles away to Guayaquil, Ecuador to help and serve others, admiring Picassos in Madrid, seeing the Pope at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, or skiing in the Swiss Alps — we together as Prep men have had these adventures, and considering how much we've together reminisced about them, I know that they have shaped us immensely.

Our time has also been defined by many historic victories in athletics, that have brought us pride and glory on so many levels, and have made great memories for us. During our four years here we've seen our crew team flourish, and our rugby team play successfully at home and abroad, traveling to Argentina to compete. We've taken our football and soccer teams to state finals, seen our lacrosse team win state finals, and had a historic victory in swimming over Greenwich after 40 years of losses.

And don't worry, I haven't forgotten hockey. We've enjoyed being state hockey champions three of our four years here — that's dynasty right there! Our hockey season has allowed Fairfield Prep to make a name for itself both on and off the ice. As our team skated its way to these victories, an amazing Bomb Squad led cheers that could be described anywhere from uplifting, to clever, and of course at times a little racy. But would you expect any less from us? And how could we ever forget the wonderful coverage by the *Connecticut Post* of last year's state final? There certainly was an image that article put forth about our apparent “elitism,” especially because of those “scarves and belts” we were wearing. I don't know what they were trying to say. I think we just take pride in our appearance. Really, they should see us in these white tuxes now!

During our four years here, Prep experienced a great deal of change. We watched the construction of Arrupe Hall from start to finish, being among the first to utilize its new facilities. We are the last class to remember wearing a jacket, and carrying a backpack to class. The last class to remember buying candy in the cafeteria. And of course, we were the first senior class to not enjoy the privilege of going off campus. Indeed, it's a sad

reflection on this country that we have become such a litigious society, but the changing climate forced the administration to end this age-old tradition.

Yet in spite of this shocking blow to the Fairfield Prep culture, we managed to creatively overcome through boycotts, petitions, and of course a certain degree of civil disobedience (as demonstrated by the few cars leaving campus every day around lunch, not that I'm going to name any names).

## Prep Men

And so, here we are before you — “Prep men.” I need not waste the time or the breath to describe too much to you what that means, for you all have seen it manifested in some way. We are always here for the people we call our brothers, always here for our community, our world. We are the men who work hard, and certainly play hard, but who always come out on top.

We truly are a remarkable lot on so many levels. Nowhere else have I encountered people my age in this country engaged in a discussion about European football, Balkan politics, or Islamic law at a lunch table. Being with such a variety of people, who are informed, in tune with the rest of the world — the world beyond Fairfield county, beyond the United States — is truly a wonderful feeling. It has allowed me to grow as a person and to be more sophisticated in my personal *Weltanschauung*.

... We students bring a great deal of knowledge that we are willing to share with each other, allowing us to grow together — intellectually, socially and spiritually — with love for ourselves, our friends, family, and our world. The term “Prep brother,” no matter how banal it sounds, indeed means something to all of us. Undeniably, the people I spend so much of my day with, have in a sense become an extended family. There is a clear dedication on the part of all of us, to each other, be it in academics, on a sports field, in the stands, or in our personal lives.

It is almost inexpressible how I feel for the men before you. I've become close to them through both joyous and sorrowful occasions, riding out the trials and tribulations of the past four years together. We've experienced victories, deaths, and lost and newfound love. But above it all, our love for each other, as comrades, as friends, as brothers unites us.

As the time comes to move on, I've often thought how I could describe Fairfield Prep to those who don't know us. It took me a long time, and, in the end, I couldn't find an English word to describe it! Rather, I find that Prep is best described by a word we have in German, *Gemütlichkeit*. While there is no exact translation, it means a sense of comfort, of feeling at home.

Indeed, Prep is now, after four years, like a second home to me. A home where I have lived with people who will be my brothers for the rest of my life. Now, we may look not merely at the successes of our time here, but those that await each and every one of us. The past four years may be over, but we're Fairfield Prep for life.



**We May Laugh We May Cry  
But We Never Say Die  
Let's Go Fairfield - Fairfield Let's Go!**

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## 2008 Jubilarians

Prep invited its 50th Reunion class — the Class of 1958 — to join in a reunion weekend. Stephen M. Jakab, Raymond K. Panda, Louis C. Zowine, and Owen J. (Mick) O'Donnell served as class co-chairs and their efforts ensured a great turn out.

The festivities began with a cocktail reception and dinner in Berchmans cafeteria. The evening allowed for much reminiscing and laughs. Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., President, thanked the class for their years of support. Dr. Bob Perrotta, Prep's principal, spoke to the group, weaving the events of the outside world with what was going on at Prep during the fifties.

The class gathered for Mass the next morning and then a photo session and a brunch.

After brunch the jubilarians processed in with class of 2008 and received "Golden Diplomas." Congratulations to all of our 50th Reunion Class!



See photo galleries at [www.fairfieldprep.org](http://www.fairfieldprep.org).



# John Szablewicz honored Educator of the Year

By John Hanrahan,  
Dean of Guidance and  
College Advising

When juniors come in to select senior courses their first question is often, "What is Szabs teaching?" Many seniors each year rely on Szabs for his sage advice and insightful recommendations as they prepare their college applications. Alums from the past generation come back to visit Prep asking, "Is Szabs in the same room?" I can't remember a time in my years at Prep when any student on campus has not known "Szabs."

Conversations with so many students over many years have made it clear that John Szablewicz has a special bond with his students. Juniors anticipate experiencing Anthropology and Sociology in senior year through Szabs' unique style of teaching. Through his wit and wisdom Prep students experience Szabs' love of learning and the joy he feels in guiding his students to share that love. Seniors seek his advice and his references for colleges as they



Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., congratulates Mr. John Szablewicz on being selected "Educator of the Year" for the third time. "Szabs" first won the title in 1992 and again in 1998.

feel known and understood by him. Alums in college return to share their experiences and their excitement about the intellectual paths they've chosen, and older alums flock to Prep reunions to trade stories with their mentor.

How do you recognize a teacher who gives up his early mornings, late afternoons and evenings to help his students prepare for an exam; who prepares a mountain of recommendations for seniors

applying to college; and one who weaves history into interesting stories making his classes unique and interesting and loves learning and encourages his students to do so as well? The roar of the Class of 2008, many alums present and the faculty and parents assembled at graduation as he received his Educator of the Year award was truly a fitting tribute to "Szabs."

## COMMENCEMENT HONORS

The Elizabeth Kachmar Award named for one of Prep's outstanding educators, honors that senior who has demonstrated an enthusiastic quest for academic excellence.

ANDREW T. GORZKOWSKI

The T. F. Gilroy Daily Award named for a member of the Class of 1948 who became an outstanding lawyer and judge, honors that senior who has distinguished himself by his leadership and concern for the underprivileged.

KENNETH R. JORDAN

The Rev. Eugene C. Brissette, S.J. Award honors that senior who is Prep's most representative scholar/athlete.

JOHN P. CUNNINGHAM

The Bellarmine Mothers' Guild Award honors that senior who has demonstrated outstanding loyalty, school spirit and gentlemanly behavior.

TAYLOR J. O'BRIEN

The Fairfield Prep Alumni Association Award honors that senior selected by the Principal's Awards committee, who has demonstrated outstanding involvement in the life of the school.

MICHAEL F. ROMANO

The Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award honors that senior who has distinguished himself as a well-rounded, intellectually competent individual who is open to growth, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God. Included in this award is a cash stipend in memory of J. Gerard Flynn, Class of 1947.

MICHAEL P. MILES



## Fairfield Rotary honors Prep's Top 10

The top ten students of the Class of '08 were honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Fairfield Rotary Club in May. Pictured are (Front Row L to R) Rudolph Klein, Adam Bruton, Drew Pasternak, Michael Nicholas and Peter Boutros. (Back Row L to R) President John Hanwell, S.J., Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal, Michael Romano, Andrew Eder, Zachary Olsen, Andrew Gorzkowski and Gregory Sgammato.





**Academy Bound** At the Baccalaureate Mass three military-bound seniors were recognized and presented with their letters of appointment. The seniors, shown here with Fr. Hanwell, S.J., were: (left) Luke Kerrisk – U.S. Navy, and Colin Nevins – U.S. Navy, and (right) Casey Mott – U.S. Air Force.

**Air Force ROTC recipient** — Michael A. Amato '08 proudly received an Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend the University of Tampa in the fall.



**Eagle Scouts** Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2008 who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

David Aldarondo  
Tim Burke  
Julian Campoli  
John Carmichael  
J.T. Fales  
Derek Furino  
Marino Giuliano

Andrew Gorzkowski  
Brian Kirk  
Brendan McNamara  
Colin Nevins  
Chris Nobile  
Chris Oliver



## Recruited for College Ball

(Left) Masengo Kabongo, shown here with his mother Odette Kalenga, signed commitment papers to play Division I Football for the University of Maryland.

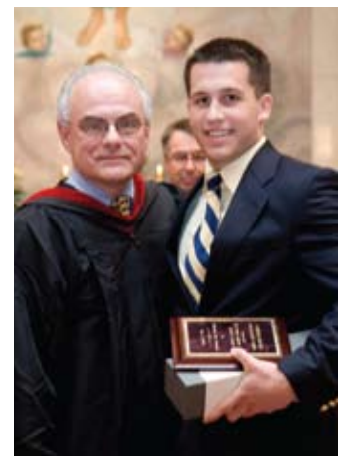


Pat Fortunato '08 will play Division I Baseball for Winthrop University. He is shown here with Prep coaches (l-r) Rudy Mauritz '94 and Matt Sather '93.



## Knights of Columbus Award

Nicholas Rosa was presented the First Place award in the statewide Knights of Columbus Essay contest. Mr. Gregory Marshall '73, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, presented the award.



## Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Service Award

Mr. Tom Sacerdote, Director of Christian Service, presented The Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Service Award to Michael M. Autore, a senior nominated by the Senior Theology Teachers, whose vitality of faith frees him to be a "Man-for-Others."

- ★ William Haffey and Shane O'Mahony received scholarships from Feile Inc., a charity devoted to Irish culture.
- ★ Colin Nevins received the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award.





# Baseball and the Art of Teaching

By Barry Wallace

Looking back at it, the fact that my father was our grade school coach shaped me in ways that I couldn't have guessed then. Dad wasn't just a coach at St. Theresa's School, he was an institution. For years he

coached anything and everything the parish offered from pee wee leagues to CYO. When he started his coaching St. Theresa's was a small country parish; when he retired 30 years later, the parish was a suburban powerhouse. Dad worked in a factory for a living, but Coaching was his vocation.

I remember the early days most fondly when I tagged along with him in his temperamental Chevy wagon throughout Fairfield County to any patch of weedy grass that qualified as a baseball diamond. Dad brought the game with him in a car with no brakes and rust holes in the floor. We began each contest with our hands joined in a Hail Mary, and ended two hours later, dusty and hoarse, loading the equipment in back of the Chevy. I hung on my father's every word. I still hear the earnest tone and inflection of his voice. His ideas poured out of him as he rolled down the window and stuck his elbow out to the cool breeze.

It was a charmed time in my life. I was the coach's son. I listened to Dad's inner most thoughts on the game and his players. I observed how he inspired kids, molded them into a team and sometimes clowning right along with the group. I wanted to play the game well, but I was just as captivated by the teaching my father did. He had an uncanny ability to communicate with boys about sports. It had never occurred to my young mind before that teaching was an art.

Being the coach's son was a second education. Dad didn't believe in placing his own children first. He cut my older brother from one of his teams (a rare mistake he admitted to in later years), and he treated us with no special favors when we played for him. His view of sports was as serious as his view of the universe, a place of constant struggle where only the strong and the prepared survived. He never lost his burning enthusiasm. Of course, it went beyond all bounds, but boys can relate to men who love their games and feel this passion. Sports in America are built on the bedrock of such faith and devotion.

I knew that my father was something special. There weren't any other dads like him with his freckle- faced boyishness and

dogged pursuit of baseball glory. No other father on the street packed the car up Saturday morning and disappeared the rest of the day on the baseball diamond. In contrast to my time at school, I liked sports and was fascinated with my father's thoughts about coaching. From his knowledge and appreciation of baseball I had my first inclinations about art and philosophy. I lived for Saturday practices at the parish field. I loved everything about it – the smell of the grasses, the big blue sky and the smack of the ball in the leather glove. Most of all I loved the sight of my red-headed father, wearing his baseball cap and sneakers, and standing there as the hub of our team.

However, being a coach's son is a bit like being the minister's son. Other kids' reactions to you are colored by reflected animus and glory. One afternoon I was playing pick up baseball with a group of guys. As we were warming up, a boy I hardly knew came over, put me in a headlock and slammed me down on the ground, pinning me and spitting in my face. The other kids pulled him off me and asked him why he did it. "He thinks he's hot stuff because his father's the coach."

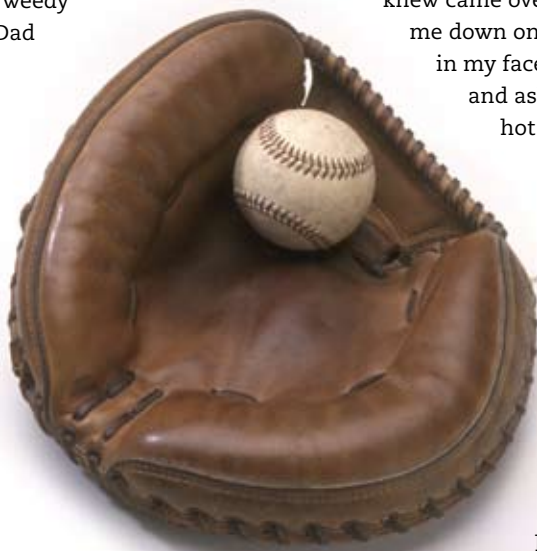
I was as startled by his words as I was by his headlock. It was the first time I realized that I might be a source of envy, but it was entirely misplaced. My father was tough on his own sons; we never considered ourselves better than anyone. On the other hand I had nuns who targeted me (correctly) as a slacker in class but warmed considerably when they saw me with Dad whom they considered a handsome and saintly man — much to his amusement. There is an aura of

distinction conferred upon you whether you

want it or not. I was proud of this because I thought of my father as a hero.

As the years have winnowed away my childhood, I see more vividly what a special experience it was. Dad hoped I would become a great athlete. Asthma and allergies took care of that. I didn't have the natural strength and energy required to thrive on a higher level. After my playing days ended Dad hoped I would get into coaching, but by then I had discovered my own interests in nature and writing. Eventually sports came to bore me. I grew away from dad and his lifelong intensity for games. Every son is a prodigal son of sorts.

In the end the gifts I got from being the coach's son were not about hitting a baseball or throwing fastballs. What I got from being with my father was more enduring. His innate



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# Prep Musicians Perform in China



Fr. Jack Hanwell  
enjoying the tour.

In June, Fairfield Prep Concert Choir and Concert Band students traveled to China for a multinational experience.

"Perform in Harmony — with Olympic Spirit" was a cooperative salute to the 2008 Olympics, featuring Fairfield Prep musicians performing on their own and with other international schools.

The trip offered several performance venues and toured many important sites and cities. Some of the memorable places included Shanghai, the Summer Palace, a Chinese high school, Sheng Bo Lu Church, Yu Garden and Market, Beijing, the Temple of Heaven, the Olympic Games facilities, Tian Anmen Square, the Forbidden City, climbing the Great Wall, the city of Xi'an, and the Terra-Cotta Soldiers. The Prep musicians performed at several sites and in the Festival Concert at the Forbidden City Concert Hall. They enjoyed meeting and performing with musicians from the United States, China, and other countries. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the students, chaperones, and administrators who became international Prep ambassadors!

Sebastian Dumoulin '10 wrote a blog about the trip. We have included two excerpts here. Read more at [http://web.mac.com/laxer137/China\\_Trip\\_08/Home.html](http://web.mac.com/laxer137/China_Trip_08/Home.html)



## Friday, June 20

On our fourth day in Beijing we got ready to climb the Great Wall. It was amazing. ... I, along with many other students, thought it was the best thing on the trip. It was a hard climb. Some places had handle bars that you could grip, some had nothing. In most places there would be stairs ... in others it was flat sheets of stones. Most of the time, it was not very steep, but there were some cases where it was a 90 degree angle that you had to climb. All in all, it was a climb that none of us will forget.



## Sunday, June 22

... The second part of the day was spent seeing the Terra-Cotta army and visiting The Great Qin Terra-Cotta Reproduction Factory. The Terra-Cotta army is split up into three known pits. The third pit, being the largest, holds the most soldiers. Many have been reconstructed but some have been left the way they were discovered. It was very cool to look at things that were made thousands of years ago, some still intact. It was a feeling that I won't forget. Being there was like being a part of history.



Prep's emperor — Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta — poses at the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum which is considered the eighth wonder of the world.



# South of the Equator Rugby Style



By Jack Connelly '65, Team Manager

Photos by Tom Shea '73 and Mat Benedetto '10

After an overnight flight to Ezeiza International airport, Buenos Aires Argentina, 38 members of the Prep rugby team, their coaches — Frank Decker, Mark Stepsis and Al Caravelli — quickly cleared customs and headed off on their bus that would start them on their seven day whirlwind tour of the Argentine capital and its surrounding area.

The trip over the Spring Recess was the rugby team's fifth international tour and second trip to Buenos Aires.

Whisked through the city; past slums, soaring high rises, massive displays of public art, down broad avenues and a score of public parks the boys got their first view of Buenos Aires, the "Paris of South America." The team was on its way to meet their hosts and begin a week of top flight rugby, tourism and cross cultural immersion.

Thanks to the efforts of coach Caravelli, who organized the tour, players were matched by age and position with players from their host families. This exposure on an "up close and personal" level gave them a greater appreciation of daily life and attitudes in Latin America and the opportunity to experience first hand the lifestyle of the *portenos*, natives of Buenos Aires.

The adventure began that first day. After meeting with their hosts and a welcome luncheon it was off to watch a local rugby match. After the match our players were taken out to a teen night club by their hosts. In a club just

for teens, hundreds of young Argentine boys and girls gathered for music, dancing and a night on the town. And a night out it was since, on the weekends, teens usually don't have a curfew. As a concession to our travel weary squad they were "home" by 3 a.m. According to Frank Duffin '09, it was back home for a few hours sleep, up at 7 and then on the rugby pitch for a 10:30 match.

Coach Decker was impressed by his squad's play and said the first day's matches were the most memorable. According to Decker, "seeing the team come together, overcome their fatigue and play terrific rugby against technically skilled, top flight sides showed a lot about our team, its character and potential."

On the rugby scene, our Varsity was led by led by tri-captains, Louie Baugier, Kyle Caravelli and Rowan Kane. The varsity played 3 matches coming away with a record of 2 and 1. Prep's first match against Club Universidad de Buenos Aires was a 31-19 victory. Next up was Club Universidad de Quilmes, CUQ. In a tight match on a stormy day on the pampas, Prep won 17-12. The Varsity's final match of the tour pitted our boys against San Juan Jesuit. In another tough match we lost to our host 33-24. Senior Justin Adams remarked on the Argentina style of play and their technical skills that more than made up for their smaller size. Nonetheless the team's performance against their Argentinean opponents was the most memorable part of the trip for Coach Decker.

The JV's honed their skills and learned a great deal from







their international play as well. They opened against *Colegio Champagnat*, one of our host teams, and won 28–26. Their second match against CUBA was a 10–10 tie and in their finale against San Juan Jesuit they lost a close match on a late score 15–12.

Later during our stay, 26 players moved to the suburb of San Isidro and stayed at Our Sisters of Mercy retreat house. Father Juan Pablo Jasminoy S.J., a former rugby player and past member of the Argentinean national team and former teammate of Coach Caravelli, was able to arrange their stay.

Besides rugby, our boys traveled to an *estancia*, San Salvador, for a day of horseback riding, gaucho demonstrations, and barbecue and tango lessons. While there they treated the other guests from New Zealand, Canada and Romania with a rousing rendition of the Prep fight song during the karaoke session. Later in the week we traveled by rail to El Tigre and took a boat tour of the Rio de la Plata. Our final day included a city tour through all of Buenos Aires' neighborhoods, a stop at the national cathedral and the tomb of Jose de San Martin, the Liberator, and leader of the Argentinean War of Independence. The trip provided a mix of rugby, social interaction and learning.

Coach Decker felt that this trip was one of our most worthwhile. "There were so many positives for the trip, the level of rugby, the social interaction and opportunity to visit and be a part of a different culture was among the many positives that this trip provided." He also expressed the hope that we would be able to reciprocate and host one of our Argentinean counterparts in the near future.

The consensus was "great trip." While most of our boys wondered aloud, "when do they sleep?" and like Justin Adams '08 were impressed by how well they played and how tough they were. The boys would like to go again, even Chris Cassacio '09, who, besides his family, missed the Cow and its bacon, egg and cheese on a roll.

## Two Rugby All-Americans

Two senior Prep rugby players made the USA Rugby U-19 team. They were two of only 26 players to represent the US in international play. This is the second year that Kyle Caravelli has been selected and Louis Baugier was a first time All-American this year.





# Borderlinks Immersion to Mexico



By Justin Marini '09

Over spring break, members of the Class of 2009 participated in the Borderlinks immersion program. Under the guidance of Mr. Ford and Mr. Sacerdote, juniors Drew Crawley, Tate Langerman, Matteo Kinnicutt, John Colihan, Kevin Dougherty, Tommy Cook, Chris Corbo, Alex DiMauro, and I ventured south to the Arizona-Mexico border to learn about and experience first-hand the current immigration crisis in America. Borderlinks is a non-profit Christian organization that provides education on the current immigration crisis that exists between Latin America and the United States to enable participants to form informed opinions. Being a faith-based organization, Borderlinks also intends to create bridges of solidarity between North America and Latin America to promote mutual respect between these drastically different cultures.

Almost immediately after arriving at the Borderlinks facility in Tucson, our group was exposed to the very haunting and very real crisis that plagues the border. With the institution of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994, taxes on imported goods between countries in North America were removed. This allows for any farmers with an excess of a crop to sell their harvest in other North American countries for a lot less money. Mexico's agrarian society was soon crushed when outsiders began selling their crops in Mexico for a fraction of the price of the locals. Afraid of losing more money, the Mexican government became greedy, keeping the majority of money that still exists within political positions. Ultimately the people of Mexico have been betrayed, and have more or less been forced to either immigrate to the United States in order to make enough money just to get by, or to stay in Mexico and risk death. Furthermore, we learned of the very ineffective and expensive system of acquiring a work visa from Mexico that causes the majority to migrate illegally across the border.

The second day, we headed south to Nogales,



Sonora, Mexico to begin our five day experience south of the border. As soon as we entered Mexico, it was a different world. Poorly paved streets, roaming dogs, and litter highlight the extreme poverty that exists throughout Nogales. We spent our first few days hearing the stories of migrants who had crossed, or those on their way across the border in the harsh and unforgiving Sonoran Desert. Many of these migrants underestimate the hostile conditions and consequently are under prepared, leading to over 5,000 deaths in the Arizona-Mexico border region alone since the institution of NAFTA in 1994. Prior to 1994, there were no reported migration related deaths in the Sonoran Desert (Source: *Humane Borders*). We met with groups including CCAMYN, Grupos Betas, Los Samaritanos, Humane Borders and No Más Muertes who provide for these migrants and attempt to educate these people on how to survive the Sonoran Desert if crossing is absolutely necessary.

After these few days of hearing the migrants' perspective, we began to immerse ourselves in the Mexican culture. At Casa de la Misericordia (House of Mercy)—the Borderlinks facility in Nogales—many of us played with local children and found that although we have very different backgrounds, the joy of unorganized fun is universal. We learned of the harsh working conditions many are subject to in the maquiladora factories that produce American products, leaving us with a sense of grief for living in such a wealthy country that would take away from such a poor country, and then try to block out these people with an actual dividing wall. With such conditions, it was apparent

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# Journey to Ecuador



By Will Conway '09

We landed in the city of Guayaquil near midnight. By the time we made our way through Customs it was early morning. After a long day of travel and layovers we were exhausted. It is easy to imagine our desire for sleep at this point but that was not our dominant thought. Our minds were focused on an indescribable change in environment the second our feet stepped through the airport's sliding glass doors. We exited the airport and found ourselves suddenly attacked by Ecuador's incredible midnight heat and a hundred camera flashes from the cell phones of locals taken aback by the "silly gringos."

Through the crowd came Jesse Hallerman, a representative from the Rostro de Cristo mission who proved to be invaluable during our stay. Over the hustle of the noisy airport transportation area, she yelled, "Are you guys from Fairfield?" Seeing the sleepy nod of our heads, she spun on her heels and yelled over her shoulder, "Follow me!"

As we rode through the upscale area of Guayaquil we laughed and pointed out cultural differences and complained about the heat. Squeals of "Look at that! That taxi's hubcap just fell off!" and "Oh my, why are there children sitting on street corners at 2 a.m.?" dominated our lighthearted conversation. In the driver's seat, though, Jesse sat in silence, knowing what was to come.

We crossed a bridge that night. It connected upscale Guayaquil to Duran, a slum among slums. It connected a lifestyle, relatively similar to the one we had been living, with one so drastically

different. On one bank of the river sat million-dollar homes; on the other were two-by-fours covered by old, tattered tarps. As we neared our residence for the next week, we sat in silence, disturbed. This was real poverty — it wasn't a movie. We were there.

We went through the entire week living on less than two dollars a day. We ate a single roll for breakfast (of which I became increasingly fond) and we took three minute military showers.

But if there is one life lesson that can be learned in a week, we learned it. Simply put, happiness and money are not synonymous. Oh, it's true; that's a lesson that can be — is — taught in every school and home in America. But it isn't really learned all the way through. Not like this, at least. We met some of the happiest, most satisfied people that week. There was Maria and Roxy and Fred; Aide and Diana and Gabriel. They were all trapped in the only world they knew, but they were all proud of who they were as people and as a culture.

In one instance that I know we will all take with us for a lifetime, we were sitting in the home of Gabriel, an overqualified, extremely intelligent leather worker and political enthusiast. He pointed to each of us and said in Spanish, "Vida es bonita si tu sabes que vivir." Jesse's translation came through quickly: "Life is beautiful if you know how to live it."

Wow, we came to Ecuador assuming we would be teaching them and improving their lives. But here we were, in the one room home of 63 year old Ecuadorian Gabriel, being given timeless advice that bore more merit than had it been told to us by anyone imaginable. It was a moving experience, to say the least, and many of us left Gabriel's home with a tear in our eye.

I could tell tales humanizing the people we met and our incredible nightly reflections, but I simply cannot do the trip justice. We met the most wonderful people and we took home with us possibly the most wonderful experience of our lives. We

all now appreciate the opportunities available to us. Many of us, too, have promised ourselves that one day, hopefully, we will be able to return to Ecuador — to Duran — and to our friends whom we know will be right where we left them. Whether we do or not, though, we will always understand the little piece of our hearts located just south of the Equator. I recommend this trip to any sophomore looking to not only see the world, but to understand an undiscovered piece of themselves that has been with them all along.







## Fairfield College Preparatory School

### What's New?

Fairfield Prep has embarked on a number of new initiatives in order to update our communications materials, web site, and protect our Fairfield Prep "brand name." In the next school year, you'll see our new logo proudly displayed on admissions marketing brochures, advertising, mail communications and our soon-to-launch, new web site design. (Please note: the venerable Prep seal will continue to be utilized on formal materials and the FP will be used on Athletics.) A Visual Identity System is being established to protect the Fairfield Prep logo and usage of our identity on athletic and spirit wear items, such as sweatshirts, caps, etc. We are also taking the legal steps to protect and secure our brand and logo usage, which is necessary to maintain control over our image. If you are aware of any unauthorized use of the Fairfield Prep brand name or logo, please contact Greg Marshall, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, and chairman of the Visual Identity Committee, at [gmarshall@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:gmarshall@fairfieldprep.org).



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why many choose to flee to the United States merely as an easier way to provide. On one of our last nights in Mexico, we stayed with local families in their houses. This one night defines the Borderlinks experience, by allowing participants to actually live the life of a local for a night. The hospitality of these families welcoming strangers into their homes was overwhelming. In my homestay, our hosts even gave up their beds to make sure that we slept comfortably. Some families did not even eat because they did not have enough food for everyone and wanted to make sure that their guests were comfortable. While this night may not have been the greatest nights of sleep on the trip, it was by far one of the richest experiences.

As we were leaving Mexico I felt truly changed. No longer was the poverty what I noticed, but rather the faces of people walking by. These faces are misunderstood by many in America, when in reality; they are no different than any of us.

At the end of our last day, we went to a very scenic part of Tucson known as Gates Pass for our final reflection. The raw beauty of the jagged cliffs and endless saguaro cacti left me with the final conclusion that even in the midst of this border crisis, God is still present.

### Baseball and the Art of Teaching

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understanding of young people became the foundation of my own teaching career. Dad had a thirst for winning but even more than that it was his love of teaching that influenced me. Growing up as a fatherless boy during the Depression era, sports meant everything to dad. He was too small to be a star athlete so he turned that energy towards coaching. I watched at the feet of a master as he developed a greatness that goes largely uncelebrated in men and women on the lower levels of competition. He would've never claimed it for himself, but he was gifted with genius.

Each boy mattered to him; each player could grow and improve and take something from the game. I spent years in apprenticeship to a man who knew how to talk to children and reach them. My father was keenly interested in the individual. He believed that who you were had a lot to do with how you performed on the field. He encouraged character and toughness under fire. He also liked the unruly kids who drove most teachers and parents nuts. He gave them a place to put their aggressions and taught them a way to be positive. My father was an observer of human personality. He saw the spirit in the boy and looked into his soul. He preached men for others without knowing a page of St. Ignatius.

### *He preached men for others without knowing a page of St. Ignatius.*

On the way home from games and practices he talked to me about his teams, going over each player for strengths and weaknesses. Long before I had ever read a book about psychology, I was trained by a man who had a Ph.D. in life. Most of the kids I grew up with in the 1950s hardly knew their fathers. I not only learned from my father; in some ways he taught me everything he knew. At home there were barriers between us as father and son, but on the ball field he spoke to me as an adult and confidant.

From Dad I learned how to listen and to observe as a teacher. I was never asked any questions about myself at school, nor did the teachers talk to me in a way that made me feel I mattered. I watched as my father taught to the person. It mattered to him what his players had to say, and he realized that some had leadership qualities that could carry the whole team along with them on a quest for excellence. Dad was a funny man and I observed how much laughter and good humor he brought to his coaching. I wondered why these qualities were so absent from my formal education in school.

Now many years later, as I survey my long high school teaching career, I realize that my father was my first and best teacher. I like to think I brought some of that with me to the Jesuit high school I love and have served for thirty years. In life, it's a matter of being on the right team and doing your best. The rest is a "Hail Mary" and a good, hard slide into home plate.



By Barry Wallace, an English teacher at Prep. His classes include AP English, British Literature, Shakespeare, and Hero and the Wilderness.





## Hockey Wins State Championship

To a standing room only crowd of over 3,000 spectators, Prep battled Notre Dame of Fairfield on March 15th and won the Division I Final 5-3. Senior captain Rob Summerlin was quoted in the *Connecticut Post*, "That's the thing about Prep Hockey. It turns kids into men and men into champions."



## Tennis Wins SCC Boys State Championship

Prep beat Amity 5-2 in the SCC boys tennis championship May 23rd at Yale.



## Crew Qualified

Congratulations to the Prep Crew Club for their performance at the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic qualifying event for Youth Nationals. Prep qualified a Varsity lightweight 8 and a Varsity 4 for the Nationals in Cincinnati, Ohio held in June.

# Student Happenings

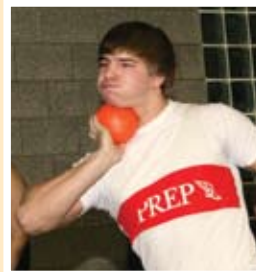
## Lacrosse Wins Third Straight State Title

Prep battled through triple overtime to beat Ridgefield 15-14 on June 7th. This is the third consecutive year that Prep has won the boys high school lacrosse state championship. The Jesuits claimed victory in the SCC boys Lacrosse championship on May 27, beating Cheshire 15-4.



## Swim SCC Conference Champs

The Prep Swim team won the SCC Conference Championship, placed second in the State LL Division Championship, and third in the State Open.



## Shot Put Record

Brad Kontra '09 won first place in Shot Put in the State Class LL Indoor Track Competition.

## Prep Talent Perform at the Quick Center

The Prep Players performed the classic musical "Guys and Dolls" on May 8th and 9th.



The Quick Center for the Arts was filled with music on May 14th, featuring performances by the Prep Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Jazz Band. The Madrigals of Convent of the Sacred Heart also performed.



## Staff Highlights

### Happy Retirement Wishes!



(L-r) Betty Renzulli and Georgina Holdsworth both served the Alumni and Development Office for over twenty years.



Pierrette Evanko retired after 21 years, serving the Business and Administration offices. Staff members gathered at her retirement coffee. Front row l-r: Jessica Watts, Margaret Rosario, Pierrette Evanko, Lois Csedrik, and Kathy Norell. Back row l-r: Suzanne Tucci, Kim Bernier, Georgina Holdsworth, Betty Renzulli, Patty Veno and Cindi Fortunato.



### Hats off to Fr. Gallarelli, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday!

Front center: Fr. George Gallarelli, S.J. First row: Marcia Savo, Kim Bernier, Carolyn Scifo, Margaret Rosario, Sandy Beyerly, Colleen Britt. Second row: Barbara Aldrich, Mary Lynn Sacerdote, Jane Marrone, Maureen Diffley, Vivian Ahlers, Mary Ahlers, Sara Hanrahan, and Mary Ellen Canuel.

## 2008 Prep Golf Outing

October 13, 2008

### Great River Golf Club, Milford, CT

11:00 am — Registration begins. Prior to the start of play there will be clinics, a putting contest and lunch.

12:30 pm — Shotgun start. Play will include prizes for winning teams, longest drive, closest to the pin and there will be an automobile prize for the hole-in-one contest.

5:30 pm — Cocktails, dinner, prizes and raffle prizes

This event is sure to sell out. Please contact Kathy Norell at 203-254-4237 or [development@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:development@fairfieldprep.org)

\$265 per player. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.







## Alumni Class News

### 1940s

**Russell Ayers '43** is living in Los Altos, CA with his daughter and caring for his 7-year-old grandson, Alex, while his parents work. Alex puts up well with "his antique grandpa." Russell remembers Prep from its inception and still thinks of his classmates and especially Fr. Burns. "It was a great time."

### 1950s

**Raymond J. Buyniski '57** performed a holiday piano concert at the Bridgeport Public Library on Wednesday, December 19, 2007. Ray, who is a classically trained pianist, frequently performs at the Library. He attended the Hartt School of Music in Hartford and the Sherwood Music School in Chicago.

**Dr. Ronald C. Chisholm '56** is the Director of the Sleep Disorders Center at West Jefferson Medical Center. He is also an Associate Professor of Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**William S. Murphy '56** has been named the Executive Director of the Barnum Festival in Bridgeport. Bill was the Barnum Festival President in 1986 and elected as the Barnum Festival Ringmaster in 1992.

**Michael A Del Vecchio '59** reports his son Luke is a junior at Gonzaga H.S. and starting to look at colleges. His son, Anthony will be attending Gonzaga next year and Dominic (11) has a few more years.

**Robert H. Wilkinson '59** retired from education in June, 2006 — 45 years — high school math teacher at Nauset Regional HS. He has 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren: William Robert Kirley (2 yrs. 3 mths) and Ashley Louise Kirley (3 months).

### 1960s

**Frank X. Brandt '64** is a Technical Architect in Application 2nd Data Services for Deere & Company in Moline, IL. He has three children and three grandchildren.

**Leo P. Carroll '62** has been elected to a two-year term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Milford Bank. Carroll

## In Loving Memory of Mary Jane Walsh

Mary Jane Gordon Walsh, wife of alumnus William D. Walsh '47 died in Atherton, CA, on January 18, 2008. Jane was the wife Bill Walsh, National Chair of Prep's Landmark Campaign — Prep for the Future.

"Jane never hesitated to invite Fairfield Prep into her home, where she made everyone feel comfortable and welcome," remembered Mr. Larry Carroll '63, Prep's Vice President for Advancement. Jane will be missed deeply by all the members of the Fairfield Prep community whose lives she touched directly and indirectly. Jane married William Walsh '47 in Connecticut in 1951. The couple moved to California in 1967.



has been a Corporator of the Bank since 1992 and a Trustee since 1993. Carroll is a partner in the law firm of Stevens, Carroll and Carveth in Milford, CT.

**Hon. Joseph A. Egan Jr. '64**, Probate Judge for the District of Ridgefield, CT, was installed as the 23<sup>rd</sup> President of the National College of Probate Judges on November 16, 2007 in San Diego.

**Robert P. Gauvin '67** was recently elected to an unprecedented 5th term as President of Maine School Administrative District, #54 Education Association. Robert also serves as chief negotiator.

**Peter N. Lopusznicz '60** has four children: Ed, Christine, Tom and Jim. Three are married: Ed to Heather in 2002, two children Tyler and Hope; Christine to Andrew in 2007, one child Nicholas, and Tom to Nicole in 2005.

**Winthrop S. MacLaughlin, Jr. M.D. '61** has just retired from his surgical practice after 29+ years.

**William F. O'Brien '64** Athletic Director of Stratford's Sterling House has accepted an additional assignment as Senior Program Director. He will be responsible for supervision of program staff and program enhancement.

**Rev. William F. Verrilli, JCL '69** received the Sister Catherine Fanning Memorial Award for Spirituality from Saint Joseph High School, Trumbull, on November 4, 2007. He was a faculty member there from 1980 to 1997. Ordained a priest in 1979, Father Verrilli is presently a judge in the Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport.

### 1970s

**Charles W. Berke '70** has moved to Fairfield and is working in two of his own practices - Marriage and Family Therapy and Executive Coaching.

**Joseph G. Cartiglia '72** and his wife Beth have adopted three boys from different parts of Russia. Viktor, age 8, Anton age 7, and Ruslan, age 6.

**Thomas W. Griffin '76** has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, and inducted into the President's Club as one of the Bank of America Mortgage Company's top producers.

**Kevin P. Kallaughner '73**, a political cartoonist for *The Economist* and the *Baltimore*

*Sun*, spoke at The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Estero. The Pulitzer Prize winner shared his love for making a point with his illustrations and talked about the characters of the 2008 presidential campaign.

**Mark J. Kreiner '71** joined Kingsburg Orchards in October 2007 as East Coast Business Development Manager. He was married 28 years on May 4, 2008.

**Maurice F. Noonan '71** reports that his youngest son Matt has graduated from Illinois State University. Now all six of his sons have college degrees and have moved out of the house.

**Roger W. Risley '75** is the immediate past Chairman of the Direct Marketing Association's Teleservices Council and the current Chair of their Educational Department.

**Charles M. Stankye III '76** is currently reassigned to the Dept. of Homeland Security as a terrorism liaison officer for the Derby CT Police. Son **Tyler '12** will be the third generation of Stankyes to attend Prep.

### 1980s

**William F. Davidson III '86** is a program manager with ATK Space in Corona, CA.

**Frederick W. Haffner III '81** is now working as Project Manager for Transit Wireless, LLC.

**Gregory S. Jennings '87** will be doing a lot of writing this summer. He started with the Indianapolis 500, hustles to Paris for the French Open, London for Wimbledon, back to L.A. for the Summer X Games and finally August in NYC working on the Olympics.

**John M. Keeton '88** obtained an MS degree in 2006 and is now an audiologist at ENT Associates in Worcester, MA.

**Justin D. Krebs '89** joined Normandy Real Estate Partners as a partner in the real estate private equity firm. He was awarded Commercial Properties News Rising Stars of 2007 and was nominated by the *Boston Business Journal* for 40 under 40.

**Kevin J. Lyskowski '87** has been a trial attorney for the past eight years for the Department of Justice. Kevin represents the EPA and other federal agencies in enforcement actions under environmental statutes including the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. Kevin lives in a

## Alumni Class News

### SUMMER 2008

Have you moved? Please bring us up-to-date on what is NEWS in your life... NEWS you would like to share with others in the Prep family. Mail to: Alumni Office, Fairfield Prep, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield, CT 06824-5157, or email: [development@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:development@fairfieldprep.org).

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## Craig Kinsley is Ivy League Champion

**Craig Kinsley '07**, current Brown student, was the Ivy League javelin champion. He is photographed with his Prep Track and Field coaches **Dave Driscoll** and **Bob Ford, Sr.**

Washington DC suburb with his wife and their dog.

**Captain Francis X. Martin '80** has assumed command of the U.S. Navy base as Sasebo, Japan, on April 11, 2008.

**Eric L. Miller '86** has moved to Tufts University after 13 years of teaching Electrical Engineering at Northwestern University. He is now a professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

**Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery R. Plate '82** has recently retired from the United States Air Force. He was commissioned in 1986 through the Air Force ROTC and has served in a variety of assignments in Strategic Air Command, Air Education and Training Command, Air Mobility Command, Air Force Space Command, and US Air Forces in Europe. He has deployed in support of Operation ALLIED FORCE as part of Joint Task Force NOBIL ANVIL, and supported operations in Kosovo and Macedonia.

**David J. Ryan '88** was named the Chairman of the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade. The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration took place on March 17, 2008 in downtown Bridgeport.

**R.J. Wilson III '88** is the Vice President of

Sales for GE Commercial Finance. He and his wife Christa live in Houston, Texas.

## 1990s

**Jonathan T. Boos '90** has been working for the equity derivatives group of UBS in Stamford, CT for the past two years, selling Structured Products to high net worth wealth management firms, trust companies, family offices and registered advisors.

**Matthew L. Colangelo '94** has had the interesting opportunity to travel to Asia and the Middle East for work with PepsiCo.

**Trevor J. Fanning '95** is living in Indianapolis and is Director of Choral Activities at Roncalli HS. Trevor's choirs have won top awards and have sung at the National Catholic Educator's Conference. Trevor will travel to Greece next spring with his students on a performance tour. He is active in community theatre and would love to hear from friends — tfanning@roncallihs.org.

**Robert J. Gillon '99** was recently medically discharged from the MA Army National Guard after reinjuring his knee. He is currently living in Boston with **Philip W. Gerster '99**.

**Sean M. Gleason '97** has recently been named Vice President for Fortis Bank in New York, within Risk and Controls.

**William T. Harke '94** has just started his fifth year at Ridberg and Associates Architects in Greenwich, CT, and resides in Fairfield.

**Michael K. Hwang '93** is the owner of a dental practice — Michael K. Hwang DMD, LLC — in East Hartford, CT.

**Richard J. Jamgochian '99** graduated from Cornell Law School with Honors with a Doctor of Law and also a Masters of Law in International and Comparative Law (J.D./LLM). He is currently employed at the law firm of Fried Frank in New York.

**Stephen R. Kellogg '94** announced that *USA Today* picked "GlasS.J.aw Boxer" Stephen Kellogg & the Sixers' new album as one of the top five records of 2007.

**Owen R. Kieran, DO '97** graduated from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is currently in the surgical residency program at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx.

**Rev. Joseph R. Palmisano, S.J. '93** was ordained a Jesuit priest on June 14, 2008,

at the Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola, Fairfield University by the Most Reverend William E. Lori, Bishop of Bridgeport. Joe grew up in Monroe and graduated from Boston College in 1997 with a B.A. in theology. See article on page 24, and excerpts from his commencement address on page 6.

**Terrence C. Swiger '94** received a Masters of ED in counseling at UNH in 2004.

## 2000s

**Timothy M. Berendt '01** works for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Massachusetts as an Analyst in the Finance Division. BCBSMA is a non-profit organization that stresses community outreach.

**Liam O. Colum '04** is graduated from Boston College in Spring 2008.

**Gregory E. Caso '03** is currently working in Milan Italy.

**Myles A. Dempsey '06** signed a contract in February 2007 with the Air Force ROTC Detachment 040 in Los Angeles, California. He has accepted a full scholarship to Loyola Marymount University. Myles has signed and taken an Oath of Allegiance on Friday, February 23, 2007.

**Graham J. Greytak '05** will be transferring to the University of Virginia with a swimming scholarship.

**Jonathan R. Gubitosa '05**, currently a junior at Boston College, studied this Spring in Madrid, Spain.

**Jeremy J. Hewitt '02** is pursuing a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering at Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York.

**Michael A. Repaci '07** has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). He will be honored during an Induction Convocation this fall on the campus of Miami University.

**Michael C. Samulowitz '04** spent his junior year studying at the London School of Economics, followed by a summer internship at the White House serving on the National Economic Council, working with the President's top economic advisors researching policy initiatives. He is an Economics major at Loyola University in Chicago.

**Phillip G. Topalian '02** graduated in 2007 with a Masters in Criminal Justice from John Jay School of Criminal Justice. He spent three months at a National Outdoor Leadership School "Semester in the Rockies" canoeing, canyoneering, and rock climbing.

## MILEPOSTS

### In Memoriam

Walter J. Auger Sr. '48 in May 2006. He was the father of **Walter J. Auger Jr., '79** and **Patrick Auger. '85**.

Louis Bailey Jr. on January 17, 2008. He was the father of **Louis Bailey III '74**, **Thomas W. Bailey '75**, **James C. Bailey '76**, **Gregory G. Bailey '79** and **John P. Bailey '89**.

Hope Banquer on November 26, 2007. She was the mother of **Douglas Banquer '79**.

Kathleen Marie Duffy Barry on May 2, 2008. She was the mother of **Kevin Barry '87**.

**Howard J. Bodell '50** on November 1, 2007.



## Court's in Session

**Michael Shaw '04**, College of the Holy Cross '08, was the recipient of the prestigious Vannicelli Award, for the best research thesis produced during his semester-long internship in Washington, D.C. Mike is pictured with **Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas**, whom he met during his semester in DC.

Howard was predeceased by his son Frank Bodell on October 4, 2007 and his wife Mildred Bodell on October 7, 2007.

Henry A. Butterworth on December 13, 2007. He was the father of **Scott C. Butterworth '69** and the late **H.A. Butterworth '81**.

Mary "Mae" Carolan on November 13, 2007. She was the mother of **Patrick Carolan, MD '55** and grandmother of **Patrick J. Carolan, Jr. '79** and **James M. Carolan '90**.

Mary Jane Cleary. Sister of **Edward L. Cleary '63**.

Victoria Marvelle Cowenhoven on February 22, 2008. She was the 8-month-old daughter of **Peter S. Cowenhoven '91** and his wife Sarah.

**Leo C. Curran, PhD, '52** on September 29, 2007.

**Donald F. Daly '46** on December 5, 2007. He was the brother of **Russell J. Daly '51**.

Daniel R. DeMarco on January 20, 2008. He was the father of the **Rev. Peter A. DeMarco '52**.

**Rev. J. Frank Devine, S.J.** on March 24, 2006. Fr. Devine taught at Prep in the early 1950s prior to his ordination.

Sara DiCostanzo on April 3, 2008. She was the mother of **Robert P. DiCostanzo '08**.

Ruth DiLeo on September 20, 2006. She was the wife of **Philip E. DiLeo '53**.

Helen Longo Diorio on March 19, 2008. She was the mother-in-law of **Thomas W. Fraher '63** and grandmother of **Thomas G. Fraher '00** and **Patrick J. Fraher '02**.

**Eugene F. Fahy '47** on March 15, 2008.

**John M. Frawley '44** on April 25, 2008.

John O. Gallarelli on December 19, 2007. He was the brother of **Rev. George Gallarelli, S.J., Prep faculty**.

**John A. Gearin '51** on January 23, 2008.

Lisa Gionis on May 1, 2008. She was the mother of **Tyler J. Gionis '07**.

John F. Golger on March 9, 2008. He was the father of **J. Kevin Golger '75**, **Robert G. Golger '79** and grandfather of **Brian P. Golger '11**.

Arlene Vispone Gotch on January 30, 2008.



## Collins '07 on Trinity National Title Team

**Kevin Collins '07** is a freshman on the Trinity College baseball team. They won the Division III championship on May 27th, with an unprecedented 44 game-winning streak. Kevin played for Fairfield Prep varsity.



She was the mother of **John F. Gotch '85** and **Jason M. Gotch '92**.

**Gonzalo A. Guizan '93** on May 19, 2008.

**Scott A. Harris '74** on February 21, 2008. He was the brother of **William R. Harris '71** and **Craig C. Harris '78**.

Margaret Elizabeth Regan "Betty" Hemenway on February 5, 2008. She was the mother of **Charles G. Hemenway, MD '61**, grandmother of **Charles G. Hemenway '86**, and mother-in-law of **Thomas J. Redgate '62**.

**Robert B. Holmgren '59** on June 13, 2006.

**James A. Homa '48** on February 8, 2008.

**William L. Hull Jr.** on February 20, 2008. He was the father of **William L. Hull III '74**.

Frances Adelaide Putnam Hunihan in February, 2008. She was the mother of **Vincent A. Hunihan Jr. '70**.

Ashley Treasure Kelly on February 19, 2008. She was the sister of **Adam E. Kelly '04**, **Ian S. Kelly '07** and **Connor O. Kelly '09**.

Donald E. Kovacs on January 15, 2008. He was the father of **Donald J. Kovacs '63**.

Catherine May Anderson Kochiss on April 18, 2008. She was the mother-in-law of **Kevin M. Foley '73** and grandmother of **Kevin M. Foley, Jr. '04**.

Jeanne M. Makovich on December 26, 2007. She was the mother of **Lawrence J. Makovich, PhD '73**.

Kevin C. McCormick Sr. on July 26, 2007. He was the brother of **James R. McCormick, MD '64**, **Brian D. McCormick '67**, **Darryl R. McCormick '72**, **Christopher J. McCormick** and **Donald T. McCormick '75**.

**James K. McManus (Jim McKay)** on June 7, 2008. He was the father of **Sean McManus '73**.

Margaret Meyers on June 15, 2008. She was the mother of **Robert W. Meyers '78**, **Thomas P. Meyers '78**, and **James C. Meyers '86**.

**Ernest J. Molnar '48** in November 2006.

**John J. Neary '46** on December 9, 2007. He was the father of **Russell F. Neary '75** and **Peter G. Neary '77**.

**Robert Noonan** on December 27, 2007. He was the father of **Dr. Robert "Bob" Noonan '71**.

**Daniel J. O'Connor Jr. '55** on March 23, 2008.



## Rookie of the Year

**Thomas Corona, Jr. '07** was named Seton Hall University's "Rookie of the Year 2007-2008" for track and field. He is pictured here with his proud Mom Janine.

**Jeremiah A. O'Connor** on February 3, 2008. He was the father of **Jeremiah A. O'Connor '77**, **John D. O'Connor '78** and **Matthew L. O'Connor '83**.

**Charles B. O'Hara Jr.** on January 18, 2008. He was the father of **Charles B. O'Hara '71** and the late **Michael A. O'Hara '74**.

**Robert D. Owen '48** on January 14, 2008.

**Grace J. Poeltl** on January 5, 2008. She was the mother of **David E. Poeltl, MD '75**.

**Brian Dunn Priestley** on February 11, 2008. He was the son of **Robert F. Priestley '70**.

**Fr. Dr. Andor Rakaczki** on November 2, 2007. He was the father of **Andrew M. Rakaczki '98**.

**W. Patrick Ryan '48** on July 27, 2007. He was the father of **Patrick J. Ryan '77** and **Kieran M. Ryan '86**.

**Atty. Stephen J. Sedensky, Jr. '47** on May 18, 2008.

**Herman Adam Seperack** on June 8, 2008. He was the father of **Peter K. Seperack, PhD '70**.

**Daniel Shaughnessy** on May 2, 2008. Brother of **Rev. Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., Prep faculty**.

**Robert Shaughnessy** on December 3, 2007. Brother of **Rev. Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., Prep faculty**.

**Rev. James T. Sheehan, S.J.** on January 1, 2008. Fr. Sheehan taught chemistry at Prep in the mid 1950s.

**J. Gregory Shuk '66** on November 29, 2007.

**Edward C. Sittnick '55** on December 5, 2006. He was the brother of **Kenneth Sittnick '66**.

**David J. Smith '55** on June 22, 2008.

**Dorothy Henry Toumey** on August 16, 2007. She was the mother of **Donald J. Toumey '74** and **Kenneth D. Toumey '76**.

**Mary Jane Gordon Walsh** on January 18, 2008. She was the wife of **William D. Walsh '47**, National Chairperson of the Fairfield Prep Landmark Campaign. Jane and Bill were both very involved in many philanthropic enterprises.

**Madeline D. Willinger** on November 12, 2007. She was the mother of **Charles J. Willinger Jr. '66** and grandmother of **Jason F. Willinger '94** and **Brian F. Shuell '96**.

**Louis P. Zuffa '53** on March 3, 2008.

## Engagements

**John A. Doyle '61** is engaged to Christine M. Burbank.

**Dennis J. O'Connell '96** is engaged to Lulu Perpetua.

**Jason D. Perillo '95** is engaged to Becky Cheron.

**Ryan M. Fisher '94** is engaged to Lauren Tarczali. An October wedding is planned.

**Michael D. Spaight '01** is engaged to Morgan Deacon in August 2007. The wedding is set for June 20, 2009.

## Weddings

**James E. Bernstein '88** married Jennifer L. Chemerka November 18, 2006. **Edward P. Fitzgerald '88** served as an usher. Other Prep attendees included **Stephen C. Brown '88**, **Robert E. Rotondo '88**, **Chris J. Fischer**

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## Dresch Wedding a Mini Prep Reunion

**Brian Dresch '95** married **Kathryn (Katie) Chiota**, Lauralton Hall '98, on July 14, 2007. Katie is the daughter of Judge John P. and Dee Chiota '61 and the sister of John E. '86, Christopher '89, and Gregg, '93. Fr. Lawrence Ryan, S.J., Prep chaplain, officiated.

Prep alumni pictured are front row l-r: John Moore '97, Gregg Chiota '93, John P. Chiota '61, Brian Dresch '95, John E. Chiota '86, Edward Kovac '91, Richard Douglas Sr. '61. Second row l-r: Michael Reidy '96, Sean Gleason '97, Dr. Kenneth Maiocco '59, Chris Chiota '89, Michael Bartlett '95, Daniel Brennan '98. Back row l-r: Kieran O'Connor '96, Timothy McManus '95, Robert Mpuku '97, Matthew Davis '98, Shane Casey '93, Todd Smith '97, Sean Ritter '95, Richard Douglas Jr. '93, Jack Shannon '93, Matthew Wilcox '95. Not pictured: Alexander Oracheff '94, Chris Rippey '95, Charles Korchinski '95, Matias Hernandez '95, Colin Gilbert '97, Andrew Graham '97, Mark Monahan '97, Brian Carey '96, Daniel Redgate '96, Jason Bartlett '93, Jake Sifers '98, Richard Maiocco Sr. '62, James Attolino '52, Judge Anthony DePanfilis '67.



## Chris Morris '96 Nuptials Celebrated

**Christopher Morris** enjoyed a relaxed moment on his wedding day with his Prep buddies from the Class of 1996. L-r: Richard Stavert, Steve Ward, James Dupay (standing), Chris Morris, Josh Krentzman and Joe Marcello.



## Congratulations to John Xeller '01

**John Xeller** was married on June 28 to **Kristen Baum** in Pomfret CT. They currently live in Oak Park IL. Pictured are members of the Class of 2001 enjoying the festivities (l-r): Mike Spaight, John Xeller, Kevin O'Malley, Pat Monahan, Matt Pierson (former Prep Theology teacher), and Chris Tramontano.





## Prep Grad Joseph Palmisano, S.J. '93 Ordained

**F**airfield Prep graduate Joseph Redfield Palmisano, S.J., was ordained to the priesthood on June 14 at the Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola on the Fairfield University campus by the Most Reverend William E. Lori, Bishop of

Bridgeport. It was the first rite of ordination to take place in the Chapel.

About 400 people attended the ordination, including family, friends, Fairfield Prep teachers and administrators, priests from the Fairfield Jesuit Community and Diocese of Bridgeport, and others who have encouraged Rev. Palmisano on his journey toward becoming a priest. He took his vows surrounded by more than 100 priests, including University

President Rev. Jeffrey P. von Arx, S. J., as well as former Fairfield professor, Rev. Thomas Regan, S.J., the Provincial Superior of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, and Rev. John J. Higgins, S.J., his executive assistant and former Rector of the Fairfield Jesuit Community.

The most solemn moment of the joyous celebration came when Bishop Lori laid his hands on Fr. Palmisano's head and prayed, invoking the Holy Spirit upon him. All the priests present then did the same. It signified that they were welcoming him to the brotherhood of priests and that they all belonged to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. His deacon's stole was removed and he was presented with a priestly stole.

Fr. Palmisano, 33, graduated from Fairfield Prep in 1993, and he recently returned there to deliver the commencement address to the Class of 2008 (See page 6).

## Weddings

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**'88, Michael R. Roberts '88, Michael L. Malloy '88, Michael A. Breen '85, and Jonathan B. Bernstein '79.**

**Jonathan T. Boos '90** married Tracy Johnson in March 2007, in Durban, South Africa, Tracy's home town. They now live in Fairfield, CT.

**Thomas H. Candee '92** married Meghan Patrice Sullivan on September 22, 2007.

**Thomas A. Cunnane '88** married Elizabeth Anne Cryan on October 6, 2007 in Fairfield, CT.

**Ryan E. Evarts '95** married Siobhan O'Leary on May 23, 2008.

**Charles H. Flynn IV '93** married Erin Marie Kelly on July 28, 2007 in Trumbull, CT.

**Matthew Z. Hauser '91** married Vanessa J.A. Lanceley on September 16, 2006 in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Members of the wedding party include **Bradley C. Willett '91, Zachary Hauser '06, Mark L. Falango '91, Christian P. Friberg '90, and Brian J. Mellinger '91.** Other alumni that attended include **Christopher J. Hjorth '91, Colin C. McQuaid '91, Bartley J. Zaino '93 and Robert W. Bilek '91.**

**Ryan C. Herrington '90** married Lisa M. Guidone on October 13, 2007. The best man was **John D. Herrington '93.** The couple lives in Trumbull, CT.

**Nicholas A. Laganza '97** married Kathryn Moosbrugger on September 15, 2007. His two best men were **Joseph L. Laganza '88 and Michael F. Laganza '90.** Groomsmen included: **Anthony Gigliotti '97, Matthew L. Corrente '97, and Stuart Rende '97.** Other attended included **Jesse D. Marraffa '97 and James K. Colpi '96.** They will reside in Norwalk, CT.

**Jeffrey D. Mangan '99** married Lisa Basso on June, 2007. **Michael T. Mangan '98** served as best man.

**Richard S. Medwar '93** married Kimberly Sue Spilker on March 15, 2008 in San Diego, California. The wedding was attended by fellow alumni **Chris H. Sandoval '93 and Warren S. Fondu '93.**

**R. Michael Norko '51** married Ruth Fitzgerald on October 7, 2007.

**Gerald D. O'Brian '84** married Susan Marie Donalds on August 4, 2007 in Norwalk, CT.

**James J. Rotnofsky '92** married Barbara Todino on February 23, 2008 in the Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola, Fairfield University.

**James J. "JJ" Sgandurra '91** married Denise Poisson on April 21, 2008 in Fairfield, CT.

Marcella Szablewicz, daughter of John Szablewicz married Rich Parker on October 7, 2007 at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. **John Szablewicz** is a current social studies teacher at Fairfield Prep.

**Sandra L. Stock**, Prep Director of Library and Media Services, married Mark Beyerly on November 3, 2007 at the Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola on the campus of Fairfield University.

**Justin D. Watson '98** married Elizabeth Greenwood in July 2007.

**Brian J. Wilson Jr. '87** married Deidre M. Whelan on September 1, 2007 in Hamden, CT. Members of the wedding party included **Gregory W. Pereira '92 and John H. Whealan '87.**

**R.J. Wilson III '88** married Christa on October 20, 2007 in Blanco, Texas.

**Adam Zaczekowski '00** married Erin Brown on October 7, 2007 in Bloomburg, NY.

## Births

**James E. Benstein '88** and his wife Jennifer welcomed the birth of their first child Jake Louis on February 3, 2008.

**Dr. Peter Bonitatebus, Jr. '89** and his wife Alexandra welcomed the birth of their first child, daughter, Lira on September 23, 2007.

**Frank C. Briganti '89** and his wife Joann welcomed their first child Alison in July 2006.

**Matthew L. Colangelo '94** and his wife Dana welcomed their second daughter, Francesca Rose, on July 18, 2007. Her big sister Bria is 3 years old.

**Norman W. England '92** and his wife Dawn welcomed Gavin Scott on April 8, 2008.

**Frederick W. Haffner III '81** and his wife Angela had a baby girl, Arcangela on May 24, 2007.

**William T. Harke '94** and his wife Marnee and their son Liam welcomed their second child Burke Wendell on April 13, 2008.

**John M. Keeton '88** and his wife Erika had a second child, Curtis John, on September 14, 2007.

**Stephen R. Kellogg '94** and his wife Kirsten welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Adeline Ingrid on August 21, 2007. Rev. Larry Ryan, S.J. performed the christening.

**John W. Kirkland III '94** and his wife Christine welcomed their first child, Gabriella Alice on October 5, 2006.

**Brian P. McGillicuddy '81** and his wife Celeste welcomed their daughter, Callie on January 26, 2008.

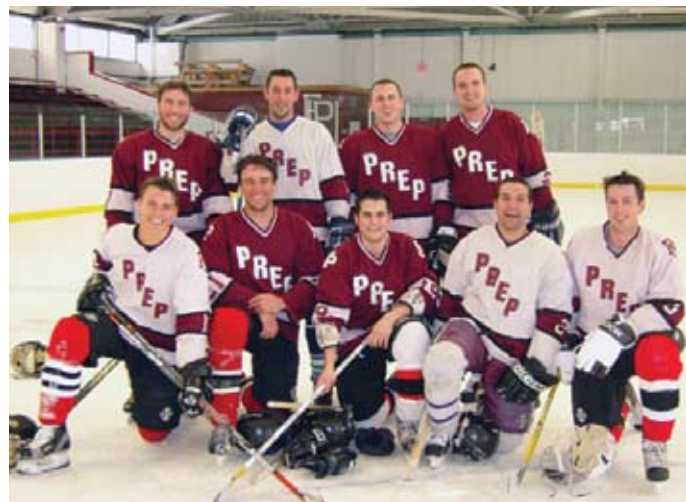
**Christopher J. Rotondo '86** and his wife, Toni welcomed their third child Cooper Anthony on April 29, 2008. Cooper joins his big brother Christopher and big sister Molly.

## News from the Quad

**Robert Sylvester** a former teacher, coach, and administrator retired after a 42 year career in Jesuit education (7/2001). Since his retirement he has been a consultant to many not-for-profit organizations and President of the RJS Associates, a fundraising, PR and strategic planning firm.

## Did you know?

Jim McKay, famous CBS sports newscaster, and father of **Sean McManus '73**, President, CBS Sports and News, passed away in June. Tim Russert, NBC's *Meet the Press* moderator and political analyst, also died in the same month. Both men were the product of Jesuit education: Jim McKay (Loyola Blakefield HS and Loyola College) and Tim Russert (Canisius HS and John Carroll University). Both highly regarded men made an impact on the American news media. Each credited his Jesuit education as an important component of his background and education.



## Alumni Hockey Game

Alumni hockey players enjoyed a reunion game at the Wonderland of Ice before Prep's home game versus Notre Dame West Haven.



# Members of the Class of 2008 were accepted into the following colleges and universities

University of Alabama  
Alfred State College  
Alfred University  
American University  
Arizona State University  
University of Arizona  
The Art Institute of Boston  
Assumption College  
Bates College  
Belmont College  
Bentley College  
Boise State University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowie State University  
University of Bridgeport  
Bryant University  
Cabrin College  
University of CA – Berkeley  
California Lutheran University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Castleton State College  
Catholic University of America  
Central Connecticut State University  
Champlain College  
College of Charleston  
University of Chicago  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colby-Sawyer College  
Colgate University  
University of Colorado – Boulder  
Colorado School of Mines  
Concordia College  
University of Connecticut  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
University of Dayton  
Dean College  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Drew University  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
East Carolina University  
Eastern CT State University  
Elon University  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Flagler College

Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Southern College  
Fordham University  
Framingham State College  
Franciscan University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Franklin Pierce University  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Gettysburg College  
Gonzaga University  
Hamilton College  
University of Hartford  
Hartwick College  
High Point University  
Hobart & Wm. Smith Colleges  
Hofstra University  
Indiana University – Bloomington  
University of Iowa  
Ithaca College  
Jacksonville University  
James Madison University  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kansas State University  
University of Kansas  
Keene State College  
Kenyon College  
Lafayette College  
Lake Forest College  
Lasell College  
Le Moyne College  
Lehigh University  
Long Island University  
Loyola College – Maryland  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University – Chicago  
Loyola University – New Orleans  
Lycoming College  
Lynchburg College  
Lyndon State College  
Lynn University  
University of Maine  
Manhattan College  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marquette University  
Univ. of Maryland – College Park  
Univ. of Massachusetts – Amherst  
Massachusetts Institute of Tech.  
McGill University  
Merrimack College  
Miami University – Ohio

University of Miami  
Michigan State University  
University of Michigan  
Montana State University  
Mount St. Mary's University  
Muhlenberg College  
University of Nebraska  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
New York University  
Niagara University  
Nichols College  
Northeastern University  
University of Notre Dame  
Ohio University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
University of Oklahoma  
Pace University  
University of the Pacific  
Pennsylvania State University  
Philadelphia University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Plymouth State University  
University of Portland  
Post University  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Regis University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.  
Rhode Island College  
Rhode Island School of Design  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
Rider University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
University of Rochester  
Roger Williams University  
Rollins College  
Sacred Heart University  
University of St. Andrews  
St. Anselm College  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. John's University  
St. Joseph's University  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Louis University  
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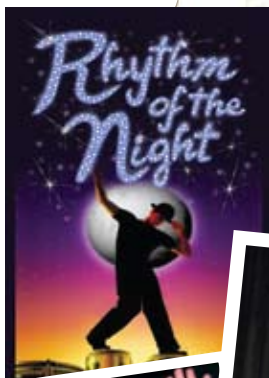
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University of Scranton  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
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Skidmore College  
Southern CT State University  
Southern Methodist University  
Southern Vermont College  
Springfield College  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stonehill College  
Suffolk University  
Susquehanna University  
The University of Tampa  
Temple University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
U.S. Air Force Academy  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy  
Ursinus College  
University of Vermont  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
University of Virginia  
Wake Forest University  
Washington Univ. – St. Louis  
Wentworth Institute of Tech.  
Western CT State University  
Western New England College  
College of William and Mary  
Williams College  
Winthrop University  
Wittenberg University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Xavier University





# Rhythm of the Night

On May 3rd, 2008, Fairfield Prep sponsored the annual Spring Dinner, themed "Rhythm of the Night." The event was held at Alumni Hall on the campus of Fairfield University. Over 400 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of dining and dancing to lively music popular through the past decades. More than a hundred volunteers, led by chairs Colleen Bushby, Laura Harkawik and Lynn Hendrie, contributed their time and talent to make the event a great success!



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